

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the following claims 1, 3 and 13 as follow. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, or a combination thereof, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one anti-stretchmark agent selected from the group consisting of fermented soya peptides, tripeptides consisting of the amino acids glycine, histidine, and lysine, and mixtures of the fermented soya peptides and tripeptides.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-stretchmark agent is selected from the group consisting of ~~the~~ a fermented soya peptide Phytokine® having a molecular weight of about 800 daltons obtained by fermenting a soya peptide with the Lactobacillus microorganism strain, the a tripeptide Kellaren-CPP® having the sequence Gly-His-Lys conjugated with acetic acid or acetate in the form of a complex with zinc, and mixtures of the fermented soya peptide and tripeptide.
4. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of anti-stretchmark agent is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
5. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one α -hydroxyacid.
6. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the α -hydroxyacid is lactic acid.

7. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the proportion of α -hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

8. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises lactic acid.

9. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.

10. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one substance-P and neuropeptide-Y inhibitor compound.

11. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the substance-P and neuropeptide-Y inhibitor compound is an extract of *Enteromorpha compressa*.

12. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the proportion of substance-P and neuropeptide-Y inhibitor compound is between about 0.1% and about 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises an extract of *Enteromorpha compressa*.

14. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of extract of *Sophora japonica*, methylsilaryl lactate, copper gluconate and zinc gluconate, and mixtures of these compounds.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Added) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the fermented soya peptides have a molecular weight of about 200 daltons to about 20,000 daltons.

17. (Previously Added) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the fermented soya peptides have an average molecular weight of about 800 daltons.

18. (Previously Added) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the fermented soya peptides are obtained by fermenting a soya peptide with a strain of *Lactobaccillus*.